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SUBJ: VISIT OF GEORGE BALL AND PETER PETERSON

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1. FOR JIDDA: MESSRS. BALL AND PETERSON WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO ACCEPT AMBASSADOR AKINS' INVITATION STAY AT RESIDENCE DURING THEIR JIDDA VISIT. LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH AS MANY AS POSSIBLE OF SAUDI OFFICIALS MENTIONED PARA 2 JIDDA REFTEL, AS WELL AS WITH AMBASSADOR.

2. BALL'S OFFICE RECONFIRMS THAT HE AND PETERSON SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE JIDDA 2050 JANUARY 28 ABOARD SV 790 FROM LONDON. THEY WILL HAVE OPEN TICKET JIDDA - RIYADH. PARTY IS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED TO DEPART JIDDA THURSDAY, JANUARY 31 AT 0800 ABOARD SV 747 TRANSITTING CAIRO WITH ETA KUWAIT ON KU 542 AT 1500. THEY ARE NOW HOPING HOWEVER TO FIND MORE DIRECT ROUTE TO KUWAIT AND WOULD WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS THAT POSTS MAY HAVE OF CONNECTION THAT MIGHT POSSIBLY GET THEM INTO KUWAIT IN TIME TO MEET WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE AND OIL ATIQUI ON JANUARY 31 RPT JANUARY 31 PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF WEEKEND HOLIDAY.

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3. FOR KUWAIT: PARTY PRESENTLY SCHEDULED DEPART KUWAIT
ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1 ABOARD MEA 401. WOULD IT BE
POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN APPOINTMENT WITH ATIQI ON LATE AFTER-
NOON OF JANUARY 31. IF THAT NOT POSSIBLE, PARTY PREPARED
HOLD OVER IN KUWAIT UNTIL FEBRUARY 3 TO PERMIT MEETING
WITH ATIQI ON FEBRUARY 2. PLEASE ADVISE. KISSINGER

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